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* **2314** *Q.*—Sri M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Harijans are prevented from entering the Niramani Mariamman temple in South Arcot district; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) It is reported that during the Chittrai festival in the temple in 1954 certain Harijans of Poolambadi were prevented from entering the temple because they wanted to go to the sanctum sanctorum and break coconuts there which is against established custom and which only poojaris are allowed to do.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, as a first step in the direction of the setting up of a socialistic pattern of society, will the Government abolish private property in Gods? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, we do not want to interfere in private properties, whether they belong to Gods or to anybody else."

Sri V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" Sir, the temples may be owned by private persons. But, in these temples, if other communities are allowed and Harijans alone are not allowed will the Government consider the desirability of declaring such temples, though owned by private persons, as public institutions? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, only in cases of dispute, the Government have to decide under section 6 of the Act, whether a particular place was a temple as defined in the Act or not."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, I am afraid the Hon. Minister does not understand the distinction between private property of God and private property in God. May I know whether the Government will come forward to abolish private property in God? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" God alone knows that." (Laughter.)

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" கடவுளுக்குச் சொந்தமாக இருக்கக்கூடிய சொத்துக்களை உபயோகப்படுத்துவது என்பது இல்லை. கடவுளையே சொந்தமாக சிந்திக்கக்கூடிய நிலைமையை மாற்றுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் தயாராக இருக்கிறார்களா என்பது கேள்வி."

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" கனம் ராமமூர்த்தி மனதிலேயே கடவுள் இருக்கிறார் என்பதை நான் அவருக்கு ஞாபகப் படுத்துகிறேன்."

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Sri P. CHELLATHURAI :—" தனி நபர்களுக்குச் சொந்தமான கோவில்களை ஹரிஜன மக்களுக்கு திறந்து விடும்படியாக ஒரு சட்டத்தை அதாவது தனி நபர்களை நிர்பந்திக்கக்கூடிய முறையில் சட்டத்தைக் கொண்டுவர அரசாங்கம் முயற்சிக்குமா ? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" இப்பொழுது இருக்கும் சட்டப்பிரகாரம் அவர்களை நாம் நிர்பந்தப்படுத்த முடியாது."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister for Religious Endowments was stating that the Government have no facts and figures with regard to the number of private and public temples. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether, for the effective and efficient administration of the Temple Entry Act, is it not highly necessary that the Government must have facts and figures with regard to the number of private temples and public temples? If so, will the Government see that statistics are taken so that a true picture with regard to untouchability in some of the temples which are the citadel of untouchability in this State will be obtained? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, the Collectors who are in charge of the enforcement of this Act have been asked to go into this question and find out the number of temples which have been declared as private temples."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Question No. 2315."

Sri C. H. KANARAN :—" Sir, I rise on a point of order. The Hon. Deputy Speaker is not looking at this side at all. So we are not in a position to put supplementary questions."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I am seeing on all sides. My eyes are looking on all sides."

Sri M. KATTIMUTHU :—" என் கேள்வி என்னவாயிற்று என்று கேட்கிறேன். 2314 கேள்வி என்னுடைய கேள்வி, அதற்கு பதில் சொல்லவேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" 2313, 2314 இந்த இரண்டு கேள்விகளையும் ஒன்ருக எடுத்து பதில் சொல்லியாகிவிட்டது. உங்களுடைய கேள்வியும் முடிந்துவிட்டது. "

" That question has been finished and I have passed on to the next question. Question No. 2315."

Vigilance Home for Women in Mylapore, Madras

* 2315 Q.—Sri A. K. SUBBIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to extend or improve the Vigilance Home for Women situated in Mylapore;

(*b*) if so, the details thereof and when it will be given effect to;

(*c*) the amount allotted and spent for the year 1953–54 on this Vigilance Home; and

(*d*) the number of inmates in it at present?